allow mining of coal and non-coal band of a seam separately and thus helps to improve the quality of coal consistently.

(b) Details of surface miner machines deployed in the mines of Coal India Ltd. are as under:

Name of Mine	Name of Company	Awarded Rates (Rs.)	Remarks
Ashoka	CCL	56.90/ton	Extraction & transportation of coal
Piparwar	CCL	31.95/ cubic meter	Extraction & transfer of coal including parting of thickness less than 1 meter into tipping trucks
Gevra OC	SECL	20.98/ cubic meter	Cutting of Coal
Belpahar	MCL	26.00/ cubic meter	Extraction and loading of coal
Lakhanpur	MCL	31.50/ cubic meter	Extraction and loading of coal
Lingraj	MCL	21.99/ cubic meter	Extraction and loading of coal
Hingulia	MCL	31.50/ cubic meter	Extraction and loading of coal
Kalinga	MCL	26.00/cubic meter	Extraction and loading of coal
Bharatpur	MCL	31.00/ cubic meter	Extraction and loading of coal

(c) to (e) No tender was floated in the year 2002-03 for Gevra/Dipka mine under South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. However, in the year 2003-04 a tender was invited for Gevra Mine and the same was finalized and awarded during the year 2004-05.

Coal shortage

3728. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that because of coal shortage the generation of electricity and manufacturing of steel has been affected adversely; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to make up the require coal supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Although there was some temporary generation and production loss at certain individual units, Coal India Limited (CIL) has been able to by and large meet the requirements of coal of the thermal power stations and steel plants as per the Annual Action Plan targets. The power sector has further been advised to import about 10 million tonnes of coal during the current financial year to meet their increasing demand for coal due to increased generation.

CIL has taken up the following steps to reduce the gap between demand and indigenous supply:

(a) 99 projects have been considered to be taken up during Tenth plan

(b) Allotment of coal blocks to end users for captive mining

(c) Improvement in equipment utilization

(d) Mechanization/modernization of existing miners

(e) Timely implementation of projects

(f) All new mines are being planned with mechanization

Closing down of coal mines in Chhattisgarh

†3729. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total mines closed down in Chhattisgarh as on 31st March, 2005;

(b) the deails of coal mines that have been closed down and new ones that have been commissioned during the last three years;

(c) the details of new companies that have been permitted to work along with the names of new companies where they have been permitted to work in; and

(d) the company-wise details of production undertaken by private companies and SECL during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Coal India Limited (CIL), has closed down 15 coal mines in Chhattisgarh till 31st March, 2005.

(b) (i) The names of coal mines which were closed down by CIL in Chhattisgarh during the last three years are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of Mines	Year of closing
1.	Korea Underground	2002-03
2.	Jainagar old	2004-05
3.	West Chirimiri Underground	2004-05

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.